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C O R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 2 LINE 8 WORD WEDNESDAY OMITTED)

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1. TEAM FOR TECHNICAL TALKS WILL CONSIST OF FOLLOWING
AID OFFICERS IN ADDITION TO LUKENS:

(A) GLENN O. PATTERSON, GS-16, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE
OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN AID'S BUREAU OF NEAR EAST
AND SOUTH ASIA. PATTERSON HAS HAD PRIOR WASHINGTON
AND OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE WITH NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES. PATTERSON SPEAKS PORTUGUESE AND FRENCH.

(B) ERIC GRIFFEL, FSR-2, REGIONAL COORDINATOR, BUREAU
FOR PROGRAM POLICY COORDINATION, AID. GRIFFEL HAS HAD
PRIOR OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA AND SOUTH ASIA
AND HAS, FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, BEEN ASSIGNED ADDI-
TIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES ON AN AD HOC BACK UP TEAM IN
SUPPORT OF THE AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS. GRIFFEL
SPEAKS FRENCH BUT NOT PORTUGUESE.

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2. PATTERSON PLANS ARRIVE LISBON FROM LONDON ON MONDAY

AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 11. HE REQUESTS EMBASSY MAKE SINGLE HOTEL RESERVATION (PREFERABLY THE TIVOLI), DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO BE MET, AND WILL COME TO THE EMBASSY ON TUESDAY MORNING. GRIFFEL PLANS ARRIVE LISBON ON TUESDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 12. HE ALSO REQUESTS SINGLE RESERVATION AT TIVOLI AND DOES NOT WISH TO BE MET. GRIFFEL WILL REPORT TO THE EMBASSY ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. WE ESTIMATE TEAM WILL REQUIRE ABOUT ONE WEEK TO COMPLETE ITS WORK.

3. AID OFFICERS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON PURPOSE THEIR MISSION WHICH IS PRIMARILY TO DETERMINE MORE SPECIFICALLY THE NATURE OF THE GOP'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND OF PORTUGUESE PRIORITIES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THEY MAKE OR IMPLY ANY SPECIFIC US COMMITMENTS EITHER TO A GENERAL POLICY OF PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL OR TO US FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. FOR "IN-HOUSE USE ONLY" WE DESCRIBE THIS APPROACH AS "CREATIVE LISTENING."

4. IN INFORMING GOP OF TEAM MEMBERS' NAMES AND BACK- GROUND, EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT PURPOSE OF TEAM'S VISIT IS TO IMPLEMENT THE SPIRIT OF THE FORD/COSTA GOMES COMMUNIQUE WHICH MENTIONED THE DESIRABILITY OF TECHNICAL TALKS IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. IF NECESSARY TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS INFORMATION-ACQUIRING ASPECT OF TEAM'S WORK AND MAKE IT CLEAR TO GOP OFFICIALS THAT THE TEAM IS NOT EMPOWERED TO APPROVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR TO ESTABLISH A POLICY LEADING TOWARD SUCH ASSISTANCE.

5. PUBLICITY. DEPT. DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANNOUNCE- MENT IN WASHINGTON ABOUT THE TEAM'S PRESENCE IN LISBON. IF ASKED, HOWEVER, WE WILL REPLY THAT 3-MAN TEAM HAS BEEN SENT TO PORTUGAL TO BEGIN TECHNICAL TALKS WITH GOP AS STATED IN PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 18. WE DO NOT WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO FACT THAT TWO OFFICERS ARE EMPLOYED BY AID. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT DENY AID AFFILIATION IF ASKED ABOUT IT BUT WE PRE- CONFIDENTIAL

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FER TO CHARACTERIZE THIS AS US GOVERNMENT TEAM. WE REALIZE THAT GOP MAY WISH TO GIVE BROADER PUBLICITY TO TEAM'S VISIT AND WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS. MAW

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